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SCORES THE IDEALISTS

Secretary Ballinger Addresses the Minnesota Conventionists.

OUTLINES GOVERNMENT'S DUTY

Says States Have the Greater Obligation.

Speech has the O. K. of the President.

The Secretary of the Interior, declares he is an ardent conservationist, but not one of the radicals. Declares the Government must not lose sight of the fact that some sections of the country must be developed at the cost in some cases of conservation.

By United Press Wire. St. Paul, March 15.—In an address today before the Minnesota State Conservation Convention, Secretary of the Interior Ballinger gave his interpretation of the national obligations regarding the public domain and its disposition. The speech, according to reports from Washington, had had the personal O. K. of President Taft.

The greater portion of the burden of conserving the natural resources of the country was laid by Secretary Ballinger at the doors of the states. "There has been and is," he said, "a grossly exaggerated notion, among some people as to what the general government can do in conserving the natural resources that lie in the deposits of minerals, and are contained in the soils and streams. For the most part they have passed into private ownership and are under the municipal jurisdiction of the states."

"Any national conservation policy must be predicated on the policy affecting the public domain, since for the most part, the states are sovereign within their own spheres of jurisdiction. Therefore, I believe a greater obligation rests upon the state than upon the National Government to inaugurate laws to prevent waste in the utilization of natural resources."

Referring to the duty of the National Government he first regarded it as essential that the public domain be studied and surveyed and an "adequate and scientific classification of the remainder of the public lands" be made. He scored the "idealistic conservationists" heavily for tackling the proposition "without a sound knowledge of conditions."

"I grant you that such people are," said the Secretary, "for the most part, sincere, but their very sincerity gives them such a vigor of imagination and predilection that it is often time hard to combat their vagaries except through practical demonstration." Then to give them their due, he said, "They have this virtue, that they do not let us forget that extremes often prove fruitful of sound reason to those who may be over-optimistic."

Of his own stand in the matter, Secretary Ballinger said, "I am as ardent an advocate of wise conservation as the most radical, but I must be wise conservation to appeal to me. It must imply as full and free a development of our national resources as is consistent with our civilization and our needs. It may mean the reservation from use for limited periods of certain of our deposits of coal, of mineral oils and gas, of phosphate, or of timber to protect against the inordinate greed of men who wish to exploit the present with no regard for the future of the general welfare, and when this becomes necessary it is a national duty to make such reservations out of the public domain."

Taft's Itinerary.

- March 16—Leaves Washington for Chicago.
- March 17, Chicago—Addresses Sons of Erin.
- March 18, Rochester—Brief stop.
- March 19 and 20, Albany—Guest of Governor Hughes.
- March 21, New Haven, Conn.—Meeting Yale corporation; Providence, R. I., banquet New England Manufacturers' association.
- March 22, New York City—Look over political situation; attend banquet American Peace and Arbitration league; visit Press club.
- March 23—Back at desk in White House. Distance traveled, 2,500 miles.

of the deposits when title is once secured thereto. Awaiting remedial legislation from Congress, all known areas of public lands containing these deposits are under temporary withdrawals from private entry, and it is hoped that Congress will furnish the Interior Department with the necessary machinery to safely and properly guard the public interest in their ultimate disposition."

St. Paul, Minn., March 15.—"The whole thing is purely and simply a gigantic conspiracy, the object of which is to ruin me politically, and through me, to strike a blow at President Taft, and his administration."

This is the statement made by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in an interview with a United Press representative today. Ballinger arrived here today and this afternoon delivered an address before the Minnesota Conservation congress. He also criticized the "insignificant movement" as a "species of hysteria."

"The inquiry is progressing slowly, it too slowly to suit me," he said. "I have been chafing under the delay because, when I get an opportunity to present the evidence in my behalf I assure you I feel certain that I shall be vindicated, absolutely."

"This conspiracy against me was hatched last year at Spokane, Washington, my home state, at the Washington conservation congress, and in this connection, I want to tell you something that is really amusing. I drew up the articles of the incorporation of the Washington conservation association, was one of the prime movers in its organization. Then at its very first meeting of importance was hatched an abominable conspiracy to ruin me."

Regarding the "insurgents," Ballinger said: "The insurgent movement in the Republican party is merely an ebullient, a species of hysteria, with a taint of hypocrisy as well, and is sure to dwindle in importance and extend as the next national campaign approaches."

"I do not think the so-called 'spirit of insurgency' is obtaining much of foothold in the eastern states. In fact, it is my belief that the feeling against the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, which was strongest in the Middle West and which gave the real impetus to the insurgent movement, is rapidly waning."

"The people of this country never had less occasion for complaint than they have right now. But there will always be criticism of the carping kind as I have had good reason to know in the last few months."

MAY LAST 'TILL DOG DAYS

Administration's Railroad Bill Likely to Deadlock Congress.

Washington, March 15.—A deadlock extending the present session of congress "into the dog days," as Senator Bailey expressed it, is in prospect over the administration's railroad bill.

The insurgents of the senate have joined hands with the Democrats in determined effort to defeat the measure and the administration senators, realizing that every word spoken will prolong the long drawn out battle, have begun their fight by a campaign of silence. Not even Senator Elkins, chairman of the committee, reporting the bill, presented any arguments in its favor yesterday when the debate opened, as is customary.

"When no senator is ready to speak," he said facetiously in reply to taunts from Bailey, Cummins and others, "I propose to ask for a vote. Whether I want to speak is a matter for me to decide. What I want is the votes. I want to expedite this bill and some time one can accomplish more by not talking."

Shackleton, Who Got Farthest South, And Wife, Soon to Visit America.



SIR ERNEST AND LADY SHACKLETON

BUFFALO MOVES ON

American Bayonet no Longer Shadows Nicaragua.

LAST CHAPTER IS WRITTEN

Secretary Knox Awaiting Developments.

Will Not Outline Future Policy.

President Madrid Will Probably Subscribe to the Washington Peace Conference in Order to Establish Himself Firmly as a Constitutional President of the Country. Revolution has Collapsed.

By United Press Wire. Washington, March 15.—The forboding shadow of the American bayonet no longer falls on Nicaragua. Today the Buffalo, with the marines who have been encamped on an island in the bay of Fonseca for three months, sail for Panama, leaving the Dominion of Zelaya entirely free of the threat of American armed forces.

This is the closing chapter of the story of the ousting of Zelaya by Secretary Knox. It came to rather an abrupt end by the collapse of the revolution under Estrada and the unexpected strength of Madrid, which, perhaps, was not exactly what the state department anticipated. President Madrid is not yet in the good graces of the United States, but he is considered infinitely better than Zelaya and has, so far, shown a disposition to observe international obligations.

Secretary Knox is waiting developments in Nicaragua before defining his attitude. The patience and forbearance of the state department, which is willing to wait until an opportune moment to exert an influence in the way of peace, is in decided contrast to the determination with which it put an end to Zelaya's activity. But it is believed Secretary Knox will be quite as determined as ever that the new government shall subscribe to the peace conventions of the Washington conference and it is likely Dr. Madrid will do this if he establishes himself as the constitutional president of the country.

In the meantime, the rainy season almost due, is expected to make an end to the present revolutionary disturbances, leaving the new government to work out its own plans.

PROF. MORGAN DIES. Newport R. I. March 15.—Professor Morris Hickey Morgan, PH D, LL D, of Harvard university, and head of the Greek department for many years, died at the residence of Daniel B.

TRAINMEN MARK TIME

Wait for the Arrival in Chicago of Knapp and Weill.

OFFICIALS LEAVE WASHINGTON

Fireman's President is Pessimistic.

Has Little Hope of Adjusting Differences.

The Railroads, However, Believe They Will Be Able to Make an Agreement With the Men Which Will Prevent the Forty-five Western Roads Being Tied up in one of the Greatest Industrial Conflicts of Recent Years.

Washington, March 15.—Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce commission, and Commissioner of Labor Neil, the two mediators of the Erdman act, left here today for Chicago, to try to bring about an agreement between the locomotive firemen and the forty-nine railroads running west of Chicago.

Chicago, March 15.—The committee representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and forty-nine western and southern railroads are marking time today, pending the arrival of Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce commission and Labor Commissioner Neil, who will make an effort to bring the two sides to a settlement of their differences and avert a disastrous railroad strike tomorrow morning.

The two government officials are acting under the Erdman act, designed to prevent disastrous labor controversies. Their first action will be in the nature of mediation and failing in that, both sides will be asked to accept straight arbitration. If this should be accepted, Knapp and Neil would appoint two members of the arbitration board and these two would constitute a sort of court which would have power to summon witnesses. Its final finding would be binding on both parties.

President Carter, of the firemen's brotherhood, was not very optimistic today over the intervention of Knapp and Neil. He said the firemen could not see how a settlement could be effected, but were willing to let the two commissioners try.

The railroads, on the other hand, announced their confidence that the acceptance of the mediators meant full settlement. O. L. Dickson, spokesman for the railroad managers' committee, announced this belief today.

The consensus of opinion here is that while the intervention of Knapp and Neil may not mean a settlement, it is at least a long step in that direction.

Chicago, March 15.—"If Commissioners Knapp and Neil hope to avert a strike of 27,000 members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen employed on forty-nine western railroads, they will have to act quickly when they reach Chicago tomorrow."

This was made clear this afternoon when President Carter of the Brotherhood, in a statement to the United Press, declared his organization would "not stand for any dilly dallying."

"It will be pretty difficult for the firemen to tell Messrs. Knapp and Neil to hurry things along, but we will make it clear to them by our actions that that is what we want," said Carter.

"We are simply sitting around today waiting for the mediators to arrive. The railroads are probably making hay while the sun shines."

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JURY REPORTS DISAGREEMENT

For Eighteen Hours Jurors Wrestle with Slater Evidence.

By United Press Wire. Columbus, O., March 15.—The jury in the Mark Slater case reported to Judge Dillon at noon today, after being out eighteen hours, that they had failed to arrive at a verdict. They were excused to lunch in the custody of a bailiff and will continue their deliberations this afternoon.

Prosecuting Attorney Webber stated at noon that trial on the other indictments Slater would commence Monday. The trial of the joint indictment with Charles Wheeler is set for Friday but will be continued.

Throughout the entire morning the jury made no report to Judge Dillon and he had no means of ascertaining the points causing the hold-up.

In the long, weary vigil through the night, Slater was the least restless of the small group which lounged the court-room. He sat in one corner smoking almost incessantly, and did not ask to retire until fully 3 o'clock. Upon Mrs. Slater and the two children the brunt of the toilsome watch rested. Until midnight they stayed with the prisoner and then left only reluctantly.

MEN RETURN TO THEIR WORK

State Wide Strike May be Called—Efforts to Arbitrate Fail.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 15.—The effort to satisfactorily end the trolley strike apparently having failed through refusal of officials of the trolley company to endorse George H. Earle's new arbitration suggestion, preparations are now well under way for the threatened state-wide general strike.

The state federation of labor chiefs sent out a call today to all state unions to vote on the strike question at once. If the return is satisfactory, the strike will come early next week. The trolley company officials reported today that they had 1,200 cars in operation and that everything was quiet. Manufacturers throughout the city report their old employees coming back to work, especially in the Kensington district.

While the general strike committee still insists many men are out and will still, careful investigation shows the contrary to be the case.

SENATOR TILLMAN ABLE TO TRAVEL. Washington, March 15.—Although a month ago his physicians gave no hope for him, Senator Tillman is now strong enough to stand a trip from Washington to his home in Trenton, N. J., and back.

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By United Press Wire. Watseka, Ill., March 15.—Hearbrook on at the hostility shown by former neighbors and stung by their hisses as she left the jail under the escort of the sheriff, Mrs. Lucy Saylor, widow of Banker Saylor sobbed a bitter denial of the charges against her today to the wife of Dr. William R. Miller, who is jointly accused with Mrs. Saylor of having murdered the latter's husband.

In her appeal for sympathy, the woman prisoner, unmindful of listeners betrayed the whole answer of the defendants to the indictment that Dr. Miller "aided and abetted by Mrs. Lucy Saylor and her father, John Grunden, did deliberately and willfully murder John Byron Saylor."

In the hospital cell of the jail, Mrs. Saylor, who is a wreck of her former self, gave this recital of the tragedy: "To begin with, Dr. Miller and I are accused of having murdered my husband because our relations were not proper. That is a wicked lie. Our friendship was purely platonic. Dr. Miller, as the friend of my husband, took me riding, hunting and fishing. Sometimes Mr. Saylor and you (Mrs. Miller) went along."

"My friendship for Peter Weast of Peoria was the same as that for Dr. Miller. He took me to Europe at the request of 'By' (Saylor) and we stayed several months. 'By' did not object because there was no reason."

Mrs. Saylor then told how Weast, her millionaire brother-in-law, bought her clothes, fine furnishings and Chinaware, besides paying her daughter Golda's tuition at a seminary. Had it not been for the trouble, she would have had a \$5,000 touring car this spring, Mrs. Saylor said.

"By" was a bankrupt but kept the fact a secret," Mrs. Saylor continued. "A short while before he was killed he came to me to go to Mr. Weast for \$500. I got the money for him. He had no more reason to be jealous of Dr. Miller than he had to be of other men who were my friends. But he became insanely jealous and attacked Dr. Miller with a hatchet the day Dr. Miller killed him. When he passed me brandishing the weapon that day, I fled from the house. I saw him attack Dr. Miller and I ran out I heard the shots that ended his life. 'By' never objected to my associations with other men until he tried to kill Dr. Miller. I know no jury will ever believe the awful lies that are being told about me and Dr. Miller and others in the trial."

"I don't believe they think of hanging me. A merciful God will not permit them to strangle me to death because my husband in his unfounded jealousy forced another man to kill him in self-defense."

Mrs. Saylor said she knew they were going to try to make it appear she was heartless in letting her husband lie dead on the floor for hours after he was shot. She admitted dressing the wound on Dr. Miller's arm and making him a cup of coffee but she added: "By" was dead. I could not help him."

Mrs. Miller will stand by Mrs. Saylor through the trial.

With only two venemen found acceptable to both the prosecution and defense so far, the work of selecting a jury to hear the case was resumed this morning.

FIRE DIRECTED AT THE LANGDON BILL

By United Press Wire. Columbus, O., March 15.—The Langdon tax commission bill which comes up as a special order this afternoon will be under a fire of amendments, some from its friends, some from its foes. Even its friends are not agreed. Some believe with Ralph Cole that the excise tax bill which he framed is constitutional and that the graded tax on interstate commerce offered by Attorney General Deanman is no improvement. Woods and others believe in leaving this feature of the bill unchanged. There will be several conferences before the bill comes up.

YEGGS SECURED \$2,000

Van Buren, Ill., March 15.—Burglars Tuesday night entered the Van Buren bank, and by the use of electric drills and dynamite succeeded in gaining entrance to the vault, securing about \$2,000 in cash. Evidently the men were frightened away after getting this money as they failed to open the inner vault where several thousand dollars in currency was stored.